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SUBJECT: SPECIAL WARFARE EXERCISE 1-76

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1. COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUSMTANCES
SPECIAL WARFARE EXERCISE 1-76 OUTLINED IN REFTL
WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM. GIVEN RECENT PHILIPPINE CALL FOR
REVIEW OF SECURITY RELATIONS AND SENSITIVITY TO EVENTS OCCUR-
RING IN INDOCHINA, HOWEVER, COUNTRY TEAM PREPARED AT THIS
POINT OT GIVE ONLY PRELIMINARY CLEARANCE AND RECOMMENDS
THAT FINAL CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED JUNE 15.

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2. STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH EXERCISE

IS FOR INTERESTED GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST PERMISSION FROM PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT FOR ENTRY OF FORCES INTO PHILIPPINES FOR PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE IS SIMILAR TO PROCEDURE FOLLOWED FOR NAVAL VISITS. ALTHOUGH AFP RECENTLY OBJECTED TO REQUEST OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN PAGASA II (EXERCISE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED) WHEN IT FOLLOWED RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES, AFP OBJECTIONS WERE BASED ON BELIEF EXERCISE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXCLUSIVELY BILATERAL EXERCISE WITH U.S. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT FORESEE SIMILAR OBJECTION TO THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN SPECWAREX 1-76.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS MAKE INFORMAL REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE TO GOP OR AFP OFFICIAL AND FOLLOW UP REFERENCE IN DUE COURSE WITH FORMAL NOTE TO DFA. WE BELIEVE THAT REQUEST CAN BE MADE WITHOUT DELAY PROVIDED GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED UNDERSTAND THAT EXERCISE COULD CONCEIVABLY BE CALLED OFF AT LATER DATE.
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